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Behind the closed doors of the federal grand jury room began this morning the inquisition which is expected to result in the indictment of the greater criminals in the huge conspiracy to defraud the government of its public lands. Fear has seized the conspirators and confessions have been made implicating men high in public life and in the affairs of the state.

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But the explanations which Hermann has given in the past will not now suffice, for the government is in possession of some most damaging facts, which seem to establish his connection with the frauds.

The same syidence places Senator Mitchell in a damaging light. It was through him that Puter and Emma Watson were introduced to Commissioner Hermann, and it was at his request that their claims were put through to patent. Senator Mitchell has repeatedly stated to his friends that Puter brought him a letter of introduction from Pierce Mays and that it was upon the strength of this letter that he himself vouched for Puter to Hermann, be himself vouched for Puter to Hermann. But there is reason to think that other considerations led the senator to interest himself actively in Puter's affair, and these circumstances will require explanation to the grand jury.

Franklin Pierce Mays had extensive dealings with the Puter ring. He bought lands from them which had been acquired by fraudulent homestead entries, but apparently Mays was at least suspicious of the crooked work that was

in the detection of crime has made them famous.

Every man who is suspected of complicity in the land frauds is under the closest scrutiny. The utmost precautions have been taken to prevent the scape of any of the guilty persons. The extraordinary precautions that are being the content of t that he acted merely as Mays' agent and that he had no interest in the deals.

Judge Bellinger's Charge. The grand jury convened at 10 o'clock this morning in the federal courtroom. Judge Bellinger's charge was very brief. He said:

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Subpoenas were issued several days ago for C. E. Loomis and S. B. Ormsby, but as yet neither of them has been found, by United States deputy marshals. Loomis was in Portland last week and stayed at the Imperial hotel. Saturday evening he paid his bill and left without saying where he was going. Loomis went to Eugene and a telegram from that town at 2 p. m. today says a message from that place today, and neighbors say that Mr. and Mrs. Orsmby went to Portland last Wednesday.

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It is considered strange that he should not have been found at once. The marshal's office refuses to give any information as to either Ormsby or Loomis, but it is known that as yet the search for them has been unsuccessful.

Enterest naturally centers in the question whether Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann will be implicated by the evidence to be submitted to the grand jury. Both officials were interviewed in Washington before their departure last evening and both expressed themselves as confident of establishing their innocence. They refer to the investigation as "malicious persecution" on the part of Secretary Hitchcock.

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RACE OF GIANTS NINE FEET HIGH

(Journal Special Service.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—After a year'a visit to the land of the Eskimos. Capt. Christian Jensen, of the bark Silicon, has arrived home here. A strange tale is told by Captain Jensen of a remarkable race of glants, some of whom visited the Eskimos and Danes at the mining settlement of Areuk, 10 miles from Ivigitat bay, Grasniand.

These people were never before seen

In features they resemble the American Indians.

"These strange people," said Captain Jensen, "represented to the Eskimos the traditional and almost legendary tribe of giants, stories of which have been brought down until they regarded the race as mythical. They cannot speak the language of the Eskimos, and could only make known by signs that they had been driven from their homes in the interior by great storms and severe cold



TO SMUGGLE GEMS

Mrs. Chadwick's Tour of Europe with Young Ladies Was Business Venture.

EACH GIRL CONCEALED FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS

Ten Society Misses Used as Tools by High Preistess of Frenzied Finance.

MRS. CHADWICK'S TREASURE

amer, Trunk and Valise Supposed to

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(Journal Special Service.)

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—In the hearing today before Referee Remington in the Chadwick bankruptcy proceedings, Emile Hoover and Frieda Swanson testified that a steamer trunk and a valise, supposed to cantain jewels or papers of value, were sent from the Holland house, New York, to "some safe place," where they supposed them to be now.

This was done by Mrs. Chadwick at the time Emil Hoover delivered to her the mysterious package, to get which he made his unexplained visit to Cleveland.

DR. CHADWICK SAILS.

London, Dec. 18.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick sailed today for New York on the steamer Pretoria, accompanied by his daughter. He said that he would help

RYTHER CHILD'S HOME IN TURMOIL

Charged that It is Recruiting Station for Hosts of

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Dec. 19.—For many onths past the Ryther Child's home Seattle, Wash, Dec. 19.—For many months past the Ryther Child's home has been a recruiting station for the hosts of "Elijah" Dowie's Zion. Mrs. O. H. Ryther, the deposed matron, is a follower of that cult. She admits this and declares she is proud of it.

Since the establishment of the home she has been inculcating into the minds of the little ones entrusted to her care Zion ideas. In the event of illness they have been taught to pray a cure and "Lay Brother" Earnest has been called in to do the laying on of the hands.

According to the statements given out by the board of directors, Mrs. Ryther has frequently refused to allow physicians to see sick children, insisting that she and her fellow Zionites could do all that was necessary.

Further than this the directors altegé they have in their possession evidences of immorality within the walls of the institution during the time Mrs. Ryther was matron.

In the institution are many girls, said to be converts to the Dowie faith. It is charged that misconduct has been practiced with them and that the conditions at the institution are most deplorable.

(Journal Special Service.)

New Ulm, Dec. 19.—Dr. George Koch, a prominent young dentiet, has been charged with the brutal murder of a business rival. Dr. Gebhardt. He was arraigned this morning and pleaded mot guilty." The trial was set for

PASSES ON

Well-Known Ploneer and Steamboatman Dies at Holmes' Farm.

CAME WITH REGIMENT OF MOUNTED RIFLES

Many Friends Will Pay Last Respect to a Useful, Unassuming Man Who Helped Build the State of Oregon.

Dan O'Neil finished his last voyage yesterday evening at 11:20. Death moored the frail craft at the old Holmes farm, near Oregon City, and tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock his funeral will be held. He was born in Duanesburg, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1828.

From the time that Dan O'Neil reached Oregon in 1849, with the mounted rifle regiment of the United States, until the prolonged illness that terminated in death, he was known to most Oregonians. He assisted United States Marshal Joe Meek in taking the first Oregon census in 1850. The same year he became purser on the Columbia steamboat, plying between Portland and Astoria, which was the first steam craft in Oregon waters.

ing The Dailes run. In the last days Dan O'Neil has been nursed by his wife on the Holmes farm, which has been in the possession of the family since taken up in 1845.

The funeral is to be at Rose Farm, near the old family home. Friends in this city have arranged to attend, to pay their tribute to an unassuming, useful man, who will long be remembered by the state builders of Oregon.

RICH WIFE LEAVES THE EX-UNKISSED

(Journal Special Service.)

London, Dec. 18. — "Mrs. Gladstone Dowie, formerly Ruth Hofer, has returned to her home on the shores of Lake Constance," says the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Mail.

"After five months' stay in Zion City she discovered that it was her money and not herself that Gladstone Dowie, the "unkissed" son of "Elijah the Prophet," was in love with.

"Her married life was unhappy. She found herself, instead of being a wife, in reality, a sort of an upper servant. The neglect was continual and the hypocrisy practiced opened her eyes to the true state of affairs, and Dowle's posing as a restored Elijah was the last straw.

"She determined to quit Zion City at all costs. The Dowles at first refused to let her go. She threatened to run away and finally they gave in. Her mother sent her money and disillusioned, broken in health and spirit, she arrived at her old home the other day. Her brothers, who are rich manufacturers in Geneva, were delighted to see their sister out of the clutches of the Dowles. Miss Hofer was considered the richest and most beautiful girl in the country, and her fortune is estimated at \$5,000.000."

TERES MANGINGS.

(Journal Special Service.)

Rome, Ga., Dec. 12.—The execution today of Jack Bone is the first of three hangings which are slated to take place in the county jail here during the next 24 hours. Bone will be followed to the gallows tomorrow morning by two negro murderers—Courtney Baker, who killed his wife, and Bob Sutherland, who killed three negroes at a dance.

QUALITY OF TURKEYS BETTER THAN EVER

Turkeys 25 cents a pound.

As during the Thanksgiving season, the prospects now are that the supply of turkeys for Christmas will be small, but dealers believe there will be enough to go around at the price. Already the wholesale price of good dressed turkeys has reached 25 cents a pound and it is not believed that the market will go below this.

The supplies now coming are of better quality than those received at Thanksgiving time.

FOUR MEN DIE IN FIRE ON OIL BARGE

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Dec. 19.—Four men were killed and four seriously injured in the burning of the Standard Oil company's barge No. 91, off the New Jersey coast yesterday. The fire was caused by an explosion which blew up the deck and set fire to millions of gallons of oil.

The tug Standard picked up the survivors and brought them here this morning. The dead are: Capt. G. P. Stokes, A. Salt, engineer; L. Brandt, fireman, and a seamon, name unknown.

WITNESS TESTIFIES **PLUNGER SHOT SELF**

Cigar Dealer States He Saw Caesar Young Shoot Himself with Revolver.

HELD GUN IN BOTH HANDS FELL OVER AFTER SHOT

First Witness Who Actually Saw Shooting Exonerates Flora Dora Girl.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Dec. 19.—Nan Patterson
will go on the witness-stand to tell the
story of her relations with Caesar story of her relations with Caesar Young and all the circumstances which led up to the bookmaker's death. Ten witnesses subpoensed by the defense will be called to the stand today to re-

will be called to the stand today to refute the prosecution's case.

Miss Patterson came into court this morning dressed in black. She greeted her father affectionately. The Earl of Suffolk was present this morning and took a deep interest in the proceedings.

Miss Townsend, telephone clerk of the St. Paul hotel, testified regarding the message which passed between Young and the defendant on the night of June 3, arranging for the meeting.

Edward Grossman, son of a cigar dealer, testified that he was in the vicinity of West Broadway and York street on the morning of June 4 and saw a hansom cab with a man and woman holding sach other's hands pass. He saw the girl

said she was with Young the evening of May 3 at the Hotel Navarre, and sev-

PIPE OIL STREAM ACROSS CONTINENT

Starting from Indian Territory Petroleum Will Be Pumped to New York City.

(Journal Special Service.)

Hed Fork, I. T., Dec. 18.—A sluggish stream of oil will in the near future be pushing half way across the continent. Starting from Red Ford, it will cross Kansas and Missouri, then under the Mississippi river, across Illinois and Indiana, to Cygnet, O., where it will receive a freh impulse from the largest oil pumping station in the world.

Thence it will continue across Ohio and Pennsylvania to the refineries of the Standard Oil company at Bayonne, N. J., and Newton Creek, New York City.

City.

Only a few sections of pipe line remain to be completed, a line of pipe having been already laid from Red Fork to Kansas City.

ELECTION FRAUDS SEND **POLITICIANS TO PRISON**

(Journal Special Service.)

Denver, Dec. 19.—The supreme court today sent another batch of Democratic election officials to jall for frauds in precinct two, ward seven. Former candidates for senator. Leonard Rogers, William Adams and Louis Hamburg were sentenced to three months' imprisonment and \$100 fine, and Thomas Kinsley to three months' imprisonment.

The trial of City Detective Rogers, boss of the tenderloin district, and his cohorts, charged with election frauds, was resumed this morning.

MOSCOW RIOTS RESULT IN DEATH OF FOUR STUDENTS

(Journal Special Service.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Dispatches from Moscow state that the casualties of the anti-war demonstrations in which 3.000 students participated yesterday, were four students killed and 60 injured. Three hundred students have

been arrested.

The demonstration was made by students with the palace of the Grand Duke Bergius as an objective point. The mob was dispersed after several charges by the police.

GRAPTED MUST PAY PINE.

(Journal Special Service.)

Kannas City, Dec. 12.—The court of appenis of affirmed the fine of \$105 imposed upon State Senator W. H. Sullivan for soliciting bribes for votes on the pure food measure during the last legislature.

TREMBLING TO BATTLE

Councilmen Learn Grand Fleet of Forty Vessels Jury Will Investigate Garbage Franchise.

ATTEMPTS JOB THAT JUST MISSED SUCCESS

Details of the Manner in Which the Business Was to Have Been Operated and Compensation for Votes.

Consternation was caused in city hall circles today when the rumor became current that the grand jury was about to make an investigation of the at-tempted garbage franchise graft, in which the names of five councilmen are

which the names of five councilmen are connected.

In all probability as soon as they have disposed of the charges of extortion made by Ferdinand Joplin against B. D. Sigler, councilman from the Fifth ward and county assessor-elect, and have completed their inquiry into the Front street bridge scandal, in which Councilman Rumelin's name is linked, the grand jurors will attempt to unravel the sarbage mystery.

That an attempt was made to get the franchise and levy a tax upon the pepple, there seems no doubt and the announcement that five or six members of the council were interested in the deal caused it to fall through. It was the proposition of the petitioning garbage companies, of which there were three, to take the collection and consumption of garbage off the hands of the city. They asked for a franchise for 15 years. Only one of the companies proposed giving anything in return. They fixed a flat rate to be charged property owners for the collection of the garbage, which was enormous and out of all proportion to the benefits to be derived by the residents and merchants. Their franchise was to be exclusive, and so property owner was to be allowed to dispose of his garbage in any other way than by turning it over to them.

It was currently reported that several councilmen were interested in the company promoted by M. Reinstein, and that they would use their influence to turn

the public which has ever been perpetrated in this city. It is said that five councilmen were to receive an allotment of stock equal in value to \$5,000, their reward in awarding the franchise to the

company.

They were to be allowed to retain this stock if they desired; if not they could turn it back into the company and receive the face value of the stock in cash. The entire city was mapped, and it was known just what amounts were to be received each month in collections. Every individual, if occupying only two rooms, was to be forced to pay his monthly dues to the company for picking up his garbage. Such a plan if carried to a successful issue would have been worth a large sum to the company.

WRECKAGE INDICATES SHIP IS LOST AT SEA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Victoria, H. C., Dec. 19.—Word has been received here that wreckage is coming ashore at Cloose, near Carmanah, on the west coast of Vancouver Island.
Apples, oranges, onlons and other wreck-

Apples, oranges, onlons and other wreckage is washing in.

The wreckage comprises white painted
lumber like cabin fittings, part of a vessel's bottom, copper fastened to hardwood knees and stanchions, slabs of pork
and empty salmon tins of corn bread
marked with a green acorn and red
letters.

MME. MODJESKA APPEARS ON VAUDEVILLE STAGE

New York, Dec. 19.—The latest of the vaudeville stars to be recruited from the ranks of the legitimate players is Mme. Modjeska, who, after refusing many offers, has finally consented to appear upon the vaudeville stage during the remainder of the season. She made her debut this afternoon at the Victoria theatre, appearing in a condessed version of one of the emotional defised version of one of the emotional offers in which she became famous.

Now Enroute to Meet **Baltic Fleet.**

MIKADO PLANS TO STRIKE BEFORE RUSSIANS UNITE

Aim to Destroy Rojestvensky's Fleet, Which Is Now in Two Divisions, Before Squadrons Get Together.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—The Japane have dispatched a fleet of 40 vessels meet and destroy the Russian Baltic fleet. This news has bome to the gov-ernment from official sources in Tokio, the original source of information be-

Formosa.

The news of the government is contained in the following Tokio cable:

"It is reported that a Japanese fleet of 40 vessels passed the Pescadores islands yesterday going south. The report is confirmed here."

Various theories are offered as to the destination of the Japanese. The Russian fleet is in two divisions, one just entering the Indian ocean from the Red sea, the other near the Cape of Good Hope. It is likely the Japanese plan to strike them before they unite.

The great naval battle of the war is at hand.

TORPEDO BATTLE

councilmen were interested in the company promoted by M. Reinstein, and that they would use their influence to turn the franchises over to him.

When the citizens heard of the rumors regarding the proposed deal they indignantly protested and the council was forced to table the franchises.

The proposed grab of the franchises was one of the boldest attempts to job the while while here were here are to be struck by a shell, liling one and wounding Lieutenant.

struck by a shell, killing one of the crew and wounding Lieutenant Takahashia and two sailors. Lieutenant Shono's boat was hit and one of the crew killed and five wounded, while the boat was temporarly disabled.

"All other boats succeeded in delivering the attack without receiving any damage. The result of the attack is not definitely known, although it is evident that numerous torpedoes took effect."

SIEGE GUMS AT DALET.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—A telegram from Mukden states that Oyama has received a number of heavy calibre siege guns from Dalny of the newest type. Thirty of them will be posted opposite Kuropatkin's right flank.

PORT IS CAPTURED.

(Journal Special Service.)
Tokio, Dec. 19.—The report that the
Japanese have stormed and captured
the North fort at east Keekwan mountain, after exploding a mine under the
fortifications, is confirmed.

PRESIDENT RECONSIDERS JUDGE BAKER'S REMOVAL

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Dec. 19. — President Roosevelt today reconsidered his action dismissing Judge Benjamin S. Baker of the supreme court of New Mexico, and after giving a full hearing on the merits of the case, revoked the order. As Baker doesn't care to serve longer he tendered his resignation, which will be accepted.

SOCIETY BELLES AS WASHERWOMEN